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1. TEXT OF SECTION ON SINGAPORE IN SECRETARY' S 1972
FOREIGN POLICY REPORT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE
APRIL 19 FOLLOWS IN FULL:

QUOTE GROWING U. S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN SINGAPORE
AND ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION MAKE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
THAT COUNTRY AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR OVERALL ASIAN
POLICIES.

THE UNITED STATES HAS NO BILATERAL ECONOMIC OR SECURITY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SINGAPORE, BUT SINGAPORE HAS
PURCHASED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING IN THE UNITED
STATES. SINGAPORE CONTRIBUTES TO REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND STABILITY BY MEMBERSHIP IN BOTH THE FIVE- POWER DEFENSE
ARRANGEMENT AND ASEAN.

SINGAPORE' S ECONOMIC SUCCESS STORY WAS HIGHLIGHTED AGAIN
IN 1972 WITH CONTINUED GROWTH IN GNP OF ABOUT 15 PERCENT,
FULL EMPLOYMENT, INCREASED WAGES, AND THE SECOND
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HIGHEST PER CAPITA GNP IN ASIA. THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS AGAIN THE FASTEST GROWING. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED POLICIES FOR CONCENTRATING ON MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTION TO DOUBLE PER CAPITA INCOME AND MAKE SINGAPORE THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL CENTER IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BY 1975. IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES INCREASED BY ABOUT 20 PERCENT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1972. THIS GROWTH REFLECTED IN PART HEAVY U. S. INVESTMENT, WHICH IS NOW WELL OVER 310 MILLION DOLS AND INCREASING RAPIDLY.

IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS, THE RULING PEOPLE' S ACTION PARTY (PAP) WON 70 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AND CAPTURED EVERY SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. THE PAP EMPHASIZED PLANNING FOR RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH, AT THE SAME TIME PLACING HEAVY STRESS ON SOCIAL PROGRESS, PARTICULARLY IN FAMILY PLANNING, HOUSING, AND ANTIPOLLUTION EFFORTS. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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